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SUBJECT: U.S.-EGYPTIAN MEDICAL COOPERATION WORKING GROUP -
INVITATION TO SECOND JOINT MEETING

1. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S PASSING FOLLOWING LETTER OF
INVITATION FROM ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HEALTH COOPER
TO EGYPTIAN MINISTER OF HEALTH FOUAD MOHY EL-DIN:

2. BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MR. MINISTER:

IT IS MY PLEASURE TO WRITE TO YOU IN CONNECTION WITH THE
U.S.-EGYPTIAN MEDICAL COOPERATION WORKING GROUP AND TO INVITE
YOU TO COME TO WASHINGTON FOR THE SECOND JOINT MEETING.

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WE WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THE WEEK OF MAY 5 FOR THIS MEETING.

I AM PLEASED BY THE PROGRESS MADE THUS FAR TOWARD THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SUBSTANTIVE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIRST WORKING GROUP MEETING. SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS PROGRESS, FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE, ARE THE FOLLOWING:

- THE HEALTH SECTOR ASSESSMENT IS NOW WELL UNDERWAY AND A NUMBER OF SIGNIFICANT PLANNING ISSUES HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED. STUDIES DESIGNED TO PROVIDE RESEARCH ANSWERS TO THE PROBLEMS OF URBAN AND RURAL HEALTH SERVICES DELIVERY AND THE DELIVERY OF SERVICES THROUGH DISTRICT AND PROVINCIAL HOSPITALS ARE BEING DEVELOPED.

- THE INTERNATIONAL SCHISTOSOMIASIS CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN OCTOBER 1975, UNDER THE JOINT SPONSORSHIP OF THE WORKING GROUP, THE WHO AND UNEP. A TENTATIVE PROGRAM HAS BEEN DEVELOPED AND POTENTIAL INVITED SPEAKERS IDENTIFIED.

- EXPERTS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED TO WORK ON PLANS FOR THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEM FOR CAIRO AND GIZA, A HOSPITAL SUPPLY AND EQUIPMENT INVENTORY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, AND COMPUTER APPLICATIONS FOR THE NASSER INSTITUTE. THEY ARE PREPARED TO VISIT EGYPT IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

- AN INVENTORY OF EXISTING U.S. TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS WAS PREPARED AND CONVEYED TO THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH.

- A COURSE ON REGULATORY ANALYSIS WILL BE HELD IN EGYPT IN APRIL. A SECOND COURSE ON GOOD MANUFACTURING PRACTICES IS UNDER DEVELOPMENT AND WILL BE HELD LATER THIS YEAR.

- IMPORTANT CONTACTS HAVE BEEN MADE WITH THE U.S. PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY REGARDING EGYPT'S INTEREST IN JOINT VENTURES.

WHILE THESE ARE IMPORTANT STEPS FORWARD, I AM SURE YOU WILL AGREE THERE IS MUCH TO BE DONE. SOME MATTERS WHICH WE MIGHT PURSUE PROFITABLY AT THE NEXT MEETING ARE THE FOLLOWING:

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- THE SCHISTOSOMIASIS CONFERENCE. I WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT ANOTHER PREPARATORY MEETING OF ALL THE CO-SPONSORS BE CONVENED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO FINALIZE AGENDA, PROGRAM, AND PARTICIPATION. WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO CAIRO FOR A MEETING,; OR TO DISCUSS PLANS WITH YOU FURTHER WHEN YOU ARE IN WASHINGTON.

- BIOMEDICAL COMMUNICATIONS. AS YOU SUGGESTED, MISS

CORNING AND DR. HUBBARD OF THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MEDICINE MET WITH DR. EL-MAHALLAWY, OF AIN SHAMS UNIVERSITY, TO DISCUSS COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF BIOMEDICAL COMMUNICATIONS. THE LIBRARY IS PREPARED TO WORK WITH EGYPT ON AN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN. THE NEXT JWG MEETING WOULD PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY TO CONSIDER NEXT STEPS.

- JOINT MEDICAL RESEARCH. IN OCTOBER, AGREEMENT WAS REACHED TO FORM A JOINT RESEARCH COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS FROM EACH COUNTRY AND THAT THE COMMITTEE SHOULD MEET WITHIN SIX MONTHS. I WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE THAT THE FIRST MEETING OF THIS COMMITTEE TAKE PLACE DURING THE SECOND JWG MEETING.

- HEALTH MANPOWER. WE HAVE HAD EXTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE HEALTH FOUNDATION, INC. (PROJECT HOPE) REGARDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A BROAD EDUCATION AND EXCHANGE PROGRAM WITH YOUR COUNTRY. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE MIGHT CONSIDER DEVELOPMENT OF AN AGREEMENT, WHICH COULD BE SIGNED DURING THE FORTHCOMING WORKING GROUP MEETING. IF THIS IS OF INTEREST TO YOU, WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO DEVELOP A DRAFT OF SUCH AN AGREEMENT FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

THESE ARE ONLY A FEW SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. I WELCOME YOUR GUIDANCE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE AGENDA. WE WOULD, OF COURSE, LIKE YOU TO VISIT OUR NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH, INCLUDING THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MEDICINE, DURING YOUR VISIT TO WASHINGTON. IF TIME PERMITS, ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE MADE FOR YOU TO VISIT THE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL IN ATLANTA. MEETINGS WITH APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATIVES OF PRIVATE INDUSTRY COULD BE ARRANGED ALSO.

I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR RESPONSE AND TO MEETING YOU.

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SINCERELY YOURS,
THEODORE COOPER, M.D.
ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HEALTH

END TEXT.

3. THE LETTER SIGNED MARCH 28. ORIGINAL BEING SENT AIR MAIL.

4. FYI DR. COOPER ALSO SENDING LETTER TO AID ADMINISTRATOR PARKER ASKING WHETHER TEMPLETON CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE PARTICIPATE THIS MEETING.
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